



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
The Deputy Under Secretary for
Operations
Washington, D.C. 20230

Aug 15, 2019

Austin R Evers
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1030 15th Street NW Suite B255
Washington DC 20005

Re: FOIA Request DOC-NOAA-2019-000862

Dear Austin R Evers:

This letter is in response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request which was received by our office on 2/6/19, in which you requested:

American Oversight submits this request to shed light on Dr. Happer's involvement with federal activity relating to studying, communicating, or mitigating the harms caused by anthropogenic climate change. 1. All email communications and associated attachments between any of the custodians listed

below and Dr. William (Will) Happer, including any communications on which a custodian and/or Dr. Happer were copied (cc) or blind copied (bcc). This search should include all communications involving Dr. Happer, including but not limited to the email addresses happer@princeton.edu and whapper@nsc.eop.ic.gov.

2. All email communications and associated attachments between any of the custodians listed below and any email address ending in @co2coalition.org, including any communications on which an @co2coalition.org email address is copied (cc) or blind copied (bcc).

3. All records reflecting any payments or gratuities (e.g., government-provided travel or meals) provided to Dr. William (Will) Happer for any purpose.

Please provide all responsive records from January 20, 2017, through the date the search is conducted.

American Oversight requests that Commerce search the records of all political appointees* in the Office of the Secretary.

American Oversight requests that NOAA search the records of the following individuals:

- Timothy Gallaudet, former Acting Under Secretary of Commerce and Administrator for Oceans and Atmosphere
- Neil Jacobs, Acting Under Secretary of Commerce and Administrator for Oceans and Atmosphere
- Samuel Rauch, Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs
- Cisco Warner, Director of Scientific Programs and Chief Science Advisor

After searching our files we were unable to locate any records that are responsive to your request.

You have the right to file an administrative appeal if you are not satisfied with our response to your FOIA request. All appeals should include a statement of the reasons why you believe the FOIA response was not satisfactory. An appeal based on documents in this release must be received within 90 calendar days of the date of this response letter at the following address:



Assistant General Counsel for Employment, Litigation, and Information
U.S. Department of Commerce Room 5896
1401 Constitution Ave. NW
Washington, DC 20230

An appeal may also be sent by email to FOIAAppeals@doc.gov or by FOIAonline at <https://foiaonline.gov>.

For your appeal to be complete, it must include the following items:

- a copy of the original request,
- our response to your request,
- a statement explaining why the withheld records should be made available, and why the denial of the records was in error.
- "Freedom of Information Act Appeal" must appear on your appeal letter. It should also be written on your envelope, email subject line, or your fax cover sheet.

FOIA appeals posted to the email box, FOIAonline, or Office after normal business hours will be deemed received on the next business day. If the 90th calendar day for submitting an appeal falls on a Saturday, Sunday or legal public holiday, an appeal received by 5:00 p.m., Eastern Time, the next business day will be deemed timely.

FOIA grants requesters the right to challenge an agency's final action in federal court. Before doing so, an adjudication of an administrative appeal is ordinarily required.

The Office of Government Information Services (OGIS), an office created within the National Archives and Records Administration, offers free mediation services to FOIA requesters. They may be contacted in any of the following ways:

Office of Government Information Services
National Archives and Records Administration
Room 2510
8601 Adelphi Road
College Park, MD 20740-6001

Email: ogis@nara.gov

Phone: 301-837-1996
Fax: 301-837-0348
Toll-free: 1-877-684-6448

If you have questions regarding this correspondence please contact the NOAA FOIA Public Liaison Ed Kearns at (828) 273-1998. Please refer to your FOIA request tracking number DOC-NOAA-2019-000862 when contacting us.

Sincerely,

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